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1. POST STILL CONSIDERING NAMES OF DOCTORS FOR POSSIBLE INCLUSION
IN DEPARTMENT S LIST.

2. WE HAVE NOT SEEN ISLAMABAD S 5445. BEFORE ANSWERING DEPARTMENT S
QUESTIONS IN REFTEL, WISH TO STATE THAT WE TRY NOT TO BE ALARMISTS,
BUT TOTAL OF FOUR AMERICANS NOW SERVING IN PESHAWAR WITH STATE,
ICA AND USAID HAVE EXTENSIVE SERVICE IN DEVELOPING WORLD AND HAVE
NEVER SEEN A MEDICAL CARE DISASTER AREA LIKE THIS ONE. DEPARTMENT
MAY WISH TO REFER TO POST S LAST DIFFERENTIAL QUESTIONNAIRE
RE AVAILABLE MEDICAL SERVICES, WHICH DESPITE ITS PURPOSE IS NO
EXAGGERATION.

3. PRIVATE AMERICAN CITIZENS FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO FIND THIS ONE-MAN
CONSULATE S TELEPHONE WORKING OR TO RECEIVE ACCURATE DIRECTIONS TO
ITS FRONT GATE WOULD RECEIVE FOLLOWING MEDICAL ADVICE AND
ASSISTANCE DURING BOTH DUTY AND NON-DUTY HOURS:

(A) IF NON-EMERGENCY MEDICAL CASE, WOULD STRONGLY ADVISE
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WAITING FOR ANY TREATMENT UNTIL TRAVELER REACHES ISLAMABAD OR
KARACHI, OR BETTER YET EUROPE. SOLE EXCEPTION WOULD BE TRAVELER S
TUMMY, IN WHICH CASE WE WOULD SEND TO MISSION HOSPITAL, PESHAWAR.
THIS HOSPITAL IS REALLY AN EYE HOSPITAL DEALING PRIMARILY IN
CATARACT OPERATIONS, BUT ITS TWO LOCAL DOCTORS CAN USUALLY TAKE
CARE OF SIMPLER STOMACH UPSETS. FOR REALLY FANCY AMOEBA, FORGET IT.
(B) FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL CASES, WE WOULD DIRECT PATIENT OR

TAKE PATIENT TO LOCAL MILITARY HOSPITAL TO SEE IF ARMY DOCTORS
WILLING TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY CARE. FAILING THIS, AS WE PROBABLY
WOULD, WOULD DIRECT OR TAKE PATIENT TO EMERGENCY ROOM OF KHYBER
TEACHING HOSPITAL OR LADY READING CIVIL HOSPITAL, BOTH IN PESHAWAR,
ATTEMPT TO WAKE UP EMERGENCY ROOM STAFF AND PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION
TO GO IN SEARCH OF DUTY DOCTOR, AND STAND BY TO GO TO BAZZAR TO
PURCHASE NECESSARY MEDICINES, SUTURES, BANDAGES, IV SOLUTIONS,
SCALPELS, OR WHATEVER ELSE WILL BE REQUIRED IN THE PARTICULAR CASE.
IF SURGERY INDICATED, WOULD FIRST OBTAIN NAME AND ADDRESS OF
NEXT OF KIN.

4. MEDICAL PROFESSION HERE WORKS ON MODIFIED BRITISH CONSULTANCY
SYSTEM, SO ANY DOCTOR'S STOCK IN TRADE IS ACCESS TO ONE OF THE
ABOVE HOSPITALS. DOCTORS NOT EQUIPPED TO HANDLE CASES IN THEIR
OFFICES OR PRIVATE PREMISES. SURGICAL WORK BEYOND LEVEL OF DUTY
STAFF AT HOSPITALS WOULD LEAD TO ONE OF CONSULTING SURGEONS
BEING CALLED IN TO TAKE CARE OF IT. FACILITIES FOR TREATING
HEART CASES INSPIRE NEARLY AS LITTLE CONFIDENCE AS SURGICAL
CAPABILITIES.

5. IN FACT, OF COURSE, CONSULATE USUALLY ONLY HEARS ABOUT
VISITING AMCITS IN LOCAL HOSPITALS AFTER THEY HAVE MANAGED TO
GET THERE ON THEIR OWN OR HAVE BEEN TAKEN THERE BY SOMEONE ELSE.
CAN CITE CHAPTER AND VERSE ON OTHER EXPOSURES TO LOCAL MEDICINE
IN LAST TWO YEARS IF YOU WISH, BUT BELIEVE YOU GET PICTURE. BEST
RECENT CITATION IS REMARK OF LOCAL SURGEON TO CONSUL'S WIFE AS
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SHE FOLLOWED PROGRESS OF TREATMENT TO BADLY BROKEN ARM OF
CONSULATE LAUNDRYMAN (DHOBI). SAID HE TO HER, WHAT ARE YOU SO
CONCERNED ABOUT? HE'S ONLY A DHOBI. EVEN WITH FULL CAVEATS,
WE ARE STILL RELUCTANT TO PROVIDE A LIST OF DOCTORS WHEN WE
KNOW THEIR WORTH AND/OR THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THEY WORK.
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